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Registration
Through August 25

Meditation
Thursdays
2:30 p.m.
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Free

Alcoholics
Anonymous
(AA)
Thursdays
6 - 7 p.m.
A2150

Ways of Making
Juried Art Exhibit
Through June 23
Reception
June 23
4:30 - 7:30 p.m.
Visual Arts Gallery

Pre-K Screening/
Registration/Tours
June 12, 13
9 a.m. to 2
Family Dev Cntr
708.235.7300

Sex in the Sand
Counseling Workshop
June 21
10 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.
Engbretson Hall
[Register](#)

New Perspectives on
Desire
Counseling Workshop
June 22
9 a.m. - 5 p.m.
E Lounge
[Register](#)

News and Events

DDP Times Three (04-30-12)

On Friday, April 27, GSU welcomed its third group of Dual Degree Program (DDP) students to campus for an orientation. Nearly 90 students, many accompanied by their parents, took campus tours, heard from current GSU students, and met with their future academic advisors as well as with faculty and staff.



Current DDP scholarship recipients were also recognized as part of the day's events. The DDP continues to gain momentum as an excellent educational opportunity for the region's community college students with nearly 300 students now enrolled.

ScholarShip Sails On – Social Equality Training Fellows



Dr. Raven James and Dr. Delawnia Comer-Hagans, from the College of Health and Human Services, have been accepted as training fellows for the 2012 Dr. M. Alfred Haynes Research Training Institute for Social Equity program.



Only 12 fellows are selected annually each year. They will attend a special training session in Nashville, TN during the week of May 13.

Computer Networking Courses

Build the groundwork for a new career this summer with GSU's non-credit Computer Networking Career Series. In just three weeks, participants will receive training to begin their path toward technical certifications such as Comptia's A+ and Cisco's Certified Network Administrator.

Computer Hardware, on June 4 to 8, provides a comprehensive

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Seminar
College Credit for
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June 23
10 a.m. – noon
D1496
\$50
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708.534.4092

Chicago Southland
Gospel Fest 2012
June 29
7:30 p.m.
Cntr Perf Arts
[Tickets](#)

DrOT Information
Session
June 30
2 p.m.
G127

overview of computer hardware and best practices. Topics include a hands-on installation and configuration of motherboards, hard drives, memory, and multi-media devices. Networking Fundamentals, on June 11, 13, and 15, provides an overview of computer networking and networking standards. Topics include the OSI reference model for networking, TCI/IP addressing and subnetting, and the basic concepts and terminology.

Networking Switches and Routing, on June 18 to 22, covers the basic function and setup of network switches and routers. Students will receive a comprehensive overview of network infrastructure setup and configuration. Other topics include hands-on installation and configuration of Cisco switches and router and commands, and concepts aligning with Cisco's CCNA certification exam.

All three courses will be held between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m. on class days. Courses may be taken individually or as a group, depending on personal goals and needs. If all three courses are taken, the fee is \$3,200. If two networking courses are taken, the fee is \$1,798.

To register, or for further information, contact GSU Continuing Education and Professional Development at 708.534.4099 or www.govst.edu/oce.

Oh, the Places He'll Go



Remember this exciting – award winning – picture of Pierre? Now it is your turn to take a picture of Pierre on vacation with you. Take this little penguin to see the sights, relax in the sun, or enjoy the nightlife.

When you make your summer plans - include Pierre the Penguin – and take a photo of him enjoying your vacation. E-mail your best photo of Pierre in a fun, unique, or exotic locale to [GSU View's Take Pierre on Vacation Contest](#). Even if your vacation plans are local excursions, Pierre would love to join you and we would love to see a picture.

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cream social in celebration of Volunteer Appreciation and Awareness Day today at 3:30 p.m., in the Hall of Governors.

Certificates will be given to volunteers, volunteer opportunities will be presented, and root beer floats and ice cream sundaes will be enjoyed by all.

Spring Shopping

The Civil Service Senate Spring Open Market will be held on Thursday, May 3, from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m., in the Hall of Governors. Various vendors and crafters will showcase their wares. Buy a unique gift for Mother's Day or treat yourself to something special.

Golf League Starts Tuesday

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National Honor Society Induction Tonight

Tau Sigma National Honor Society will hold the first GSU Chapter induction Monday, April 30, at 6 p.m., in the Center for Performing Arts.

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Faculty members are encouraged to support their students by attending the event. Also, volunteers are still needed; if you would like to volunteer, contact Lisa Carra at 708.235.7595.

Keep Your Password Up to Date

ITS would like to remind all faculty, staff, and students that the password expiration policy that was put into place at

the beginning of the year is in effect.

Passwords need to be reset every 60 days for faculty and staff, and every 120 days for students. If passwords are not reset within the proper time frame, accounts will be locked.

When accounts are locked, users may reset their passwords through the password recovery tool at <http://password.govst.edu>. Users can also call the ITS helpdesk at 708-534-4357 for assistance.



Are You Running 4 Rehab?

Registration is under way for the second annual Run 4 Rehab, sponsored by GSU's Physical Therapy Student Association (PTSA). The event, featuring a 5k (3.1 mile) run and two-mile walk, takes place on GSU's campus, on May 5, at 8 a.m.

Proceeds will go toward the PTSA and the Miami-Marquette Challenge, a national competition that raises money for physical therapy research.

You can still register online for the event.

CPA Offers Romantic 'Elixir' (04-26-12)

Romance is in the air when *The Elixir of Love*, Donizetti's comic masterpiece, comes to the GSU Center for Performing Arts on Sunday, April 29, at 4 p.m.

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The Elixir of Love is part of the GSU Center's "Opera Up Close" series, featuring Sunday matinees with world-class singers performing opera classics in an intimate, on-stage setting complete with cabaret-style audience seating and a European café menu of coffee and desserts. *The Elixir of Love* will be presented in English.

Cast members are tenor James Kryshak as Nemorino, soprano Caitlin Shirley as Adina, baritone Michael Cavalieri as Sgt.

Belcore, and baritone Matthew Carroll as Dr. Dulcamara

For tickets to *The Elixir of Love*, visit www.centertickets.net or call the GSU Center box office at 708. 235.2222.

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Special \$15 tickets for students are available. Tickets are available by calling 708.235.2222 or visiting the Center's [website](#).

2-for-1 Tickets Available for 'Re-Spiced,' 'Elixir'

2-for-1 tickets for *Re-Spiced* and *The Elixir of Love*, at the Center for Performing Arts this weekend, are available at the CPA box office.

To take advantage of the offer, you must have a valid GSU ID and contact the box office directly for tickets. For tickets and details, please call the box office at 708.235.2222. GSU discount tickets are not available online.

ACS Lab Customer Satisfaction Survey

ITS is asking students or instructors or students who used the lab faculty this semester to take a brief survey. The survey can be taken on computers in the lab or over the web.

Take the survey - [ACS Lab](#)

Take the survey - [Instructor](#)

ITS appreciates students and instructors who take the time to complete the survey. Feedback is very important to the ITS office.

Class Renumbering Starts in Fall

All Governors State University classes will be renumbered beginning in the Fall 2012 semester. The renumbering will not affect student study plans or delay degree completion.

A cross reference list, showing a comparison of the old and new course numbers is available at www.govst.edu/renumber.

The recommendation to renumber originated with the university's graduate council to address master/doctoral level course numbering issues and program accreditation requirements regarding course

number sequencing.

Students are urged to contact their advisors with questions.

Sign Up for Summer, Fall Classes

Don't let the summer pass without taking a few classes. Summer registration continues through May 26. The summer term begins on May 21 and ends on August 5.

Registration is also open for Fall 2012 – remember, early registration provides the greatest selection of classes and times. Registration continues through August 25. Classes for the fall semester begin on August 20.

Applications for admission are currently being accepted.

For more information, call 708.534.4490 or visit the GSU registration [website](#).

Face Value Opening Reception

The Visual Arts Gallery is pleased to present *Face Value*, a graduate art exhibit of recent work by three dimensional clay artist Becki Moffett-Moore. The exhibit runs through April 30. An opening reception celebrating the artist will be held today from 5:50 to 8:30 pm. The exhibit and reception are free and open to the public.

The artwork displayed in *Face Value* is inspired by the human face. The human face is the most universally important focus of communication. It is a significant source of identity and the most expressive means of nonverbal communication. Moffett-Moore has sculpted, cast, and hand built one to eight inch heads made of porcelain, stoneware, and terra cotta clays utilizing a combination of low and high firing techniques and surface treatments.

The Visual Arts Gallery is open Mondays and Wednesdays, from 5 to 7 p.m.; Tuesdays and Thursdays, from 1 to 9 p.m.; Fridays, from 5 to 9 p.m.; and by appointment. For more information, call 708.534.4021 or visit www.govst.edu/gallery.

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New Date for June BOT Meeting

The Governors State University Board of Trustees meetings scheduled for June 1 and June 8 have been rescheduled. All Board of Trustees meetings scheduled for this period will take place on Thursday, June 14 only, in the McGee Hall of Honors.

Any questions regarding the GSU Board of Trustees may be directed to the President's Office at 708.534.4130.

Flag at Half-Staff

GSU flies the American flag at half-staff to honor Illinois' fallen military and service personnel when directed by the Office of the Governor. Specific information concerning why the flag is flying at half-staff on a specific day can be found under "flag at half- staff" in the A to Z index on the GSU [website](#).

DDP Student Orientation

A new class of Dual Degree Program (DDP) students will be on campus on Friday, April 27, from 9:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.

The students will learn more about the university, their planned majors, and tour the campus. For some of the students, the orientation will be their first introduction to GSU. Let's make them feel welcome!

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Scholarship Spotlight – Takara Ebbin



Takara Ebbin of Olympia Fields received the Dr. W. Prince and Elsie McLemore Scholarship for Physical Therapy. She is in the College of Health and Human Services' doctorate program in physical therapy.

Takara believes that her passion for helping others to achieve a better quality of life, her proven commitment to lifelong education, her work history, intelligence and determination will enable her to become an excellent physical therapist.

He's Baaack (04-23-12)

Don't leave home without him! Pierre the Penguin is ready for another summer of fun and excitement. This little penguin is eager to see the sights, relax in the sun, and enjoy the nightlife. When you make your summer plans - include Pierre the Penguin.



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Bon Voyage, Pierre!

Earth Day Award goes to Former FDM Chief



Susan Rakstang, former associate vice president of facilities development and management, has received GSU's first Earth Day Award. The award was presented at last week's Earth Day celebration. Bob Rakstang, Susan's husband, accepted the award.

The Earth Day Award recognizes a member of the university community who has demonstrated exceptional leadership, pioneering contributions, and innovations in four areas:

- Grass roots activism – mobilizing individuals in response to environmental problems
- Service – working on committees that have a mission related to sustainability.
- Education – involvement in organized efforts to teach how natural environments function and how people can manage their behavior and ecosystems to live sustainably.
- Research – making a substantial contribution in advancing knowledge about sustainability.

Any person formally associated with GSU is eligible for the Earth Day Award, including current degree-seeking students, alumni, staff, faculty, administrators, and retirees. Susan Rakstang retired last year as head of FDM.

The award was presented by GSU Provost Terry Allison. During the presentation ceremony, graduate student Jamie Viebach spoke about the history of Earth Day. Professor John Yunger served as emcee for the event.

Reconstructed Arrives



Reconstructed is GSU's new online art and literary journal and it is full of creativity. Student work is highlighted throughout the journal with presentations of poetry, fiction, no-fiction, artwork, and spoken word .

According to student editor Dan Petersohn, *Reconstructed* "is a place for students from any major to have an outlet for their creative work."

Students interested in contributing their work to the next issue of *Reconstructed*, scheduled for publication in Fall 2012, are encouraged to contact the editors at reconstructed@govst.edu.

The inaugural issue of *Reconstructed* was showcased in the April 18

edition of *The Phoenix*.

View *Reconstructed* at <http://www3.govst.edu/reconstructed>.

Red Tails Discussion

The Tuskegee Airmen and the recent film *Red Tails* will take center stage during a panel discussion on Monday, April 23, at 5 p.m. in Engbretson Hall.

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Tickets to *Re-Spiced* range in price from \$15 to \$39, with special \$15 tickets for students, and are available by calling 708.235.2222 or

visiting the Center's [website](#).

Read the recent [rave reviews](#) for *Re-Spiced*.

NOH8 Photo Shoot This Week

The Gay Straight Alliance (GSA) will hold a NOH8 Photo Shoot and Fundraiser on Tuesday, April 24, from noon to 6 p.m., in the Hall of Governors.

The photo Shoot is inspired by the NOH8 Campaign to encourage awareness of LGBT Equality. For more information, contact gsa.govst@yahoo.com.

Anna Carvalho Speaks at Lecture Series

The GSU Honors Program lecture series continues next week with "Riding the Cultural Revolution: Lessons From Chicago's Southland." Anna Carvalho will discuss the unexpected observations and benefits found in embracing differences on Wednesday, April 25, from 5 to 7 p.m., in the Hall of Honors.

Carvalho, FACHE, is vice president of strategic planning and business development at Holy Cross Hospital, a Catholic safety net hospital on Chicago's south side. She was also the founding executive director of the Center for Multicultural Communities, which focuses on racism and regional development in Chicago's southern suburbs. Carvalho attended Radcliffe College and received her master's degree in health policy and management from the Harvard School of Public Health.

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Recycling Dead Batteries – Free of Charge



Even though Earth Day is over, GSU's commitment to recycling, reusing, and reducing is still strong. Don't forget to deposit paper, plastic, and aluminum in the designated recycling containers around campus. Also now it is easy to recycle dead batteries at GSU.

GSU's battery recycling program collects small device batteries such as A, AA, AAA, C, D, cell phone batteries, watch batteries, etc. Components of recycled batteries are reclaimed and reused.

Six battery collection tubes have been placed throughout campus to make recycling easy for the GSU community. Collection tubes can be found in Building C near DPS and HR; Building G in the vending room; Building F near the first floor elevator; Building A in the north study area; and in ITS and the FDC.

If a small device battery does not fit inside a battery collection tube, please take it to the Environmental Health and Safety Office, E-2583. This program does not include large machine and automobile batteries.

Student Senate President Speaks in Springfield

Lisa Wallace, president of GSU's Student Senate, made the case for continued funding of the Illinois Monetary Award Program (MAP) during two appearances in Springfield last week. She spoke at a Thursday rally in support of MAP, and also at GSU's annual budget hearing before Illinois House members.

Wallace accompanied President Maimon and Karen Kissel, vice president for administration and finance, to the Illinois Capitol. A number of GSU students traveled to Springfield last Thursday to voice their support at the rally for continued MAP funding.

"The MAP grant has aided me in the process of fulfilling my dreams," Wallace told the legislative hearing. With assistance from MAP, she has been able to complete an associate, bachelor's, and master's degree, and is in the process of transitioning to a doctoral program.

"If the MAP grant had not been available when I started my college journey, I would have relied on student loans and my educational journey would have ended with my bachelor's degree."

While in Springfield, Wallace was also interviewed by a Champaign television station.

For more than 50 years, MAP has provided financial assistance to Illinois students wishing to attend state colleges and universities. According to the Illinois Student Assistance Commission, MAP currently serves about 147,000 students are receiving MAP grants during the 2011-12 school year. Under the current legislative budget, about 141,000 students would be expected to receive aid, with all grants likely reduced more than the current 5 percent reduction. Further proposed House cuts could mean even more drastic cuts to MAP.

Read an Illinois Board of Higher Education [report on the rally](#).

Printer Cartridges

To dispose of used printer cartridges responsibly, faculty and staff members are encouraged to contact [Dave Erickson](#) at ext. 7425.

Desk Jet print cartridges may also be taken to the Facilities Office, B1230, for recycling.

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Food Donations Needed

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The pantry is open on the first and third Mondays of the month through June.

Upside Down, Kneeling Makes NMSP Debut

Rabbit-eared, human-limbed, and clearly visible from the Hall of Governors, *Upside Down, Kneeling* arrived this week at the Nathan Manilow Sculpture Park.

The sculpture, by British artist Sophie Ryder, is on loan from Robert and Karen Duncan. It is the third offering in NMSP's ongoing Solo Exhibition Series presentations sponsored, in part, by BMO Harris Bank.



Like nearly all the monumental artwork at NMSP, *Upside Down, Kneeling* offers few concrete clues as to what exactly it represents. Mythological trickster? Fertility symbol? Aztec rabbit god taking a breather? You're free to draw your own conclusions.

What we know is that the artwork consists of bound, galvanized wire over a steel frame. Ryder created a surface that is akin to a three dimensional drawing. It appears solid from a distance and then dissolves into a flurry of riotous lines as the viewer approaches.

Upside Down, Kneeling is split into two halves and it is possible to "enter" the sculpture. Like many NMSP pieces, it is interactive. Once inside the sculpture, you can look through it to the outside world.

NMSP Director and Curator Geoffrey Bates said Ryder has created many works in bronze and that allegorical images – minotaurs, horses, and dogs – are often found in her art. Bates said Ryder will be in Chicago for the International Sculpture Conference in October and will almost certainly visit NMSP.

Upside Down, Kneeling will be on display at NMSP through October.

Table Tennis Team Shines at National Tournament

GSU's table tennis team successfully competed in last weekend's National Collegiate Table Tennis Championship in Plano, Texas. GSU's coed team defeated the University of Maryland, University of Texas-Austin, New York University, Western Ontario, and Ohio State University to finish in sixth place in the championship bracket. The women's team finished the tournament in 12th place.



Coach TJ Wang praised the team members. "All our players exhibited their best behavior and demonstrated their GSU spirit during the Nationals," he said. "GSU achieved another strong appearance in the NCTTA

Nationals this year."

One of GSU's top players, Yuefan Lin, injured his hand during a heated match with the University of Texas squad. He accidentally hit the table with his thumb, causing some bleeding. After receiving some medical attention to his thumb, Coach Wang said, "Yuefan went back and defeated the top-seeded player from Texas."

As a result of their success at the tournament, GSU's team members won a new table tennis robot, which will arrive soon on campus.

Congratulations to Coach Wang and the entire table tennis team for a job well done!

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The Cultural Revolution Continues

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NMSP Chief Addresses Florida Symposium

Geoffrey Bates, director and curator of the Nathan Manilow Sculpture Park, gave the keynote address at last weekend's Sarasota Season of Sculpture Symposium in Sarasota, Fla. His address, *The Enduring Role of Sculpture in the Public Sphere*, made the case that monumental art, through the ages, has given the public greater accessibility to great artistic works. That accessibility continues today in spaces like NMSP.

Bates spoke to upwards of 100 persons at the symposium, which attracted collectors, artists, arts supporters, and museum officials coming together for a day of spirited panel discussions and



presentations about the future of public art on Florida's Suncoast. He praised Susan McLeod, chair of Sarasota Season of Sculpture, and its board. "They are working hard to elevate dialogue about contemporary sculpture in the Sarasota area," he said.

Artist John Henry, whose Illinois Landscape No. 5 is one of NMSP's most famous works, delivered a talk on *Why Sculpture Matters*. "He energized the entire group with his continued commitment to art in the public sphere," Bates said.

Susan Ormsby, president of the NMSP Board, also attended the symposium. Bates said several attendees are former residents of the Chicago area and expressed interest in both NMSP and Governors State University. Some indicated they are interested in attending this fall's Carts and Cocktails event in the sculpture park, he said.

Face Value



The Visual Arts Gallery is pleased to present "Face Value," a graduate art exhibit of recent work by three dimensional clay artist Becki Moffett-Moore. The exhibit runs from April 25 to 30. An opening reception celebrating the artist will be held on Thursday, April 26 from 5:50 pm -8:30 pm. The exhibit and reception are free and open to the public.

The artwork displayed in "Face Value" is inspired by the human face. The human face is the most universally important focus of communication. It is a significant source

of identity and the most expressive means of nonverbal communication. Moffett-Moore has sculpted, cast, and hand built one to eight inch heads made of porcelain, stoneware, and terra cotta clays utilizing a combination of low and high firing techniques and surface treatments.

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'Re-Spiced' Creator Speaks at GSU

Jamil Khoury, the creator of *Re-Spiced: A Silk Road Cabaret*, will appear at a discussion of the production on Thursday, April 26, from 5 to 7:30 p.m. in Engbretson Hall.



Re-Spiced, a production of Chicago's Silk Road Rising theatrical troupe, will be presented at GSU's Center for the Performing Arts on Saturday, April 28 at 8 p.m.

Khoury is Silk Road Rising's creative director. During his Thursday appearance, he will discuss the creative process and the development of *Re-Spiced*. The discussion is free and open to the public.

The show uses songs, poetry, and prose to explore popular image of the lands and people of the Silk Road – the ancient trade route that links Europe with the Middle East and Far East. In a recent review, Chicago Sun-Times called the production "well-spiced, thought-provoking entertainment."

Re-Spiced is the final show in GSU Center's 2011-2012 *One More Night* series, which has brought the finest in Chicago area theatre to local audiences. *One More Night* is made possible by a generous grant from The Chicago Community Trust.

Tickets to *Re-Spiced* range in price from \$15 to \$39, with special \$15 tickets for students, and are available by calling 708.235.2222 or visiting the Center's [website](#).

Read the recent [rave reviews](#) for *Re-Spiced*.

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Writing Teachers Unite

The Writing Consortium of the South Metropolitan Higher Education Consortium recognizes that teaching writing is tough. The group is sponsoring a workshop on the resources and supports available for educators involved in the teaching of writing on Friday, April 27, from 1 to 3 p.m., in E-Lounge.

Adjunct writing instructors, non-writing teachers who grade writing, and writing professors are invited to join the discussion and learn about writing guidelines, detecting plagiarism, and accessing support and assistance for both the educator and the student.

For more information and to register, contact [Lori Townsend](#) at 708.235.7382 or visit the workshop [website](#).

Computer Networking Career Series

Build the groundwork for a new career this summer with GSU's non-credit Computer Networking Career Series. In just three weeks, participants will receive training to begin their path toward technical certifications such as Comptia's A+ and Cisco's Certified Network Administrator.

All three courses will be held between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m. at GSU's main campus. Courses may be taken individually or as a group, depending on personal goals and needs.

Computer Hardware, on June 4 to 8, provides a comprehensive overview of computer hardware and best practices. Topics include a hands-on installation and configuration of motherboards, hard drives, memory and multi-media devices.

Networking Fundamentals, on June 11, 13, and 15, provides an overview of computer networking and networking standards. Topics include the OSI reference model for networking, TCI/IP addressing and subnetting, and the basic concepts and terminology.

Networking Switches and Routing, on June 18 to 22, covers the basic function and setup of network switches and routers. Students will receive a comprehensive overview of network infrastructure setup and configuration. Other topics include hands-on installation and configuration of Cisco switches and router and commands, and concepts aligning with Cisco's CCNA certification exam.

The fee if all three courses are taken is \$3,200. If the two networking courses are taken, the fee is \$1,798.

To register, or for further information, contact GSU Continuing Education and Professional Development at (708) 534.4099 or www.govst.edu/oce.

Mileage Reimbursement Rate Increase

This notice is to all university employees who travel on official university business. Effective April 17, the U.S. General Services Administration (GSA) has increased the mileage reimbursement rate for the use of vehicles in the conduct of official business to \$0.555 per mile.

According to Illinois Higher Education Travel Control Board rules, Governors State University must increase its mileage rate accordingly. Effective April 17, any mileage reimbursement claims for travel occurring on or after this date will be reimbursed at the new rate. An updated travel voucher is available at this [website](#).

If you have any questions, please call Katie Frossard Fisher at 708-235-7411 or e-mail gsuttravel@govst.edu.

Scholarship Spotlight - William Daniels



William Daniels of Matteson received the Scholarship for Finance and Accounting Students. He is an undergraduate student in business and finance.

William believes that an ethical person must be absolutely objective, be entirely truthful and know what to do, how to do it, and when to do it.

Registration for Summer and Fall (04-16-12)

It is time to plan ahead. Registration for the Fall 2012 semester begins on April 16 and runs through August 25. Classes for the fall semester begin on August 27.

There is still time to registration for the summer session classes. Registration continues through May 26. The summer term begins on May 21 and ends on August 5. GSU's summer term is ideal for students continuing a GSU degree program or for students attending other universities to take classes and fill requirements while they are home for the summer.

Applications for admission are currently being accepted.

For more information, call 708.534.4490 or visit the GSU [registration website](#).

Celebrate Our Earth

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Sustainable Future - Learn more about establishing and maintaining a sustainable future from Jack Byrne, Director of the Sustainability Integration Office, Middlebury College, on Tuesday, April 17, from 1 to 2 p.m., in Engbretson Hall. This event is free and open to the public.

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Elevator Inspection and Testing

The State of Illinois will be conducting annual elevator inspections and testing on Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday. Individual elevators will be out of service for 45 to 60 minutes at a time. FDM apologizes for

this inconvenience.

OT Awareness

Find out what occupational therapy is all about this afternoon, from noon to 6 p.m. in the Cafeteria Annex. OT students and members of the Student Occupational Therapy Association will be on hand at various "stations" to offer information, advice, and feedback. Test your grip strength, learn about autism and adaptive devices. Find out how that heavy backpack is affecting your back. Learn some stress management techniques and enjoy some games, giveaways, free popcorn, and balloons.

Honors Program Lecture – Dr. Charles Payne

The GSU Honors Program lecture series continues this week with "Urban School Reform: the State of the Debate," a lecture by Dr. Charles Payne, on Wednesday, April 18, from 5 to 7 p.m., in the Hall of Honors.

Payne is the Frank P. Hixon Distinguished Service Professor in the School of Social Service Administration at the University of Chicago, where he is also an affiliate of the Urban Education Institute. He recently published "So Much Reform, So Little Change" concerning the persistence of failure in urban districts, and "Teach Freedom: The African American Tradition of Education For Liberation" on Freedom School-like education. Recently Dr. Payne served as the interim Chief Education Officer for the Chicago Public Schools.

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Graduate Student Success

Graduate student Kamala Bharathi Madavarapu was recently honored for her oral presentation on a new potential treatment for prostate cancer. Madavarapu and two fellow graduate students in analytical chemistry from GSU presented at the Illinois State Academy of Sciences (ISAC) Conference in Galesburg, Illinois. The students presented information on their master's program research projects. ISAS was founded in 1907 to promote scientific research, the diffusion of scientific knowledge, and the unification of scientific interests in Illinois.



Madavarapu earned a second place for her oral presentation, "Using Photoactivated Nanoparticles as Photodynamic Therapeutic Agent to Treat Prostate Cancer."

Madavarapu conducted this research project with graduate student Bharadwaj Keesari. At the conference, Keesari presented their research in a poster presentation.

Graduate student Nikhil Bayanna also gave an oral presentation of his research, "Photodynamic Therapy for Skin

Carcinomas."

Dr. Patty Fu-Giles, assistant professor and student project advisor, accompanied her students to the conference. "Their research may have dramatic impact on how we treat various forms of cancer. The goal is to make the treatment more effective while reducing the side effects at the same time. We are very proud of their accomplishments," she said.

We are the Champions



For the fourth year in a row, GSU showed its commitment to recycling and reducing waste by winning first place among all Illinois university competitors in RecycleMania.

RecycleMania is a nationwide challenge for colleges and universities to increase awareness of waste reduction and recycling initiatives.

Competing in the Waste Minimization category, GSU once again placed first among Illinois schools in the competition and 25th out of 180 schools at the national level.

The university's efforts were measured by adding the weight of our recyclables to the weight of our trash and dividing that number by the number of students and employees of GSU.

Congratulations to the GSU community for remembering to recycle whenever possible. Keep up the good work!

Fall Classes Renumbered (04-12-12)

All Governors State University classes will be renumbered beginning in the Fall 2012 semester. The renumbering will not affect student study plans or delay degree completion.

A cross reference list, showing a comparison of the old and new course numbers is available at www.govst.edu/renumber.

The recommendation to renumber originated with the university's graduate council to address master/doctoral level course numbering issues and program accreditation requirements regarding course number sequencing.

Students are urged to contact their advisors with questions.

Dr. Cada Appointed Dean of CHHS

Upon the recommendation of the search committee and Provost Terry Allison, President Maimon is pleased to announce the appointment of Dr. Beth Cada to the position of Dean of the College of Health and Human Services (CHHS).

Dr. Cada has served as Chair of the Department of Occupational Therapy for 15 years and, during that time, shaped that department into a true point of pride for the university, Dr. Maimon said. This year, as Interim Dean of CHHS, Dr. Cada



demonstrated excellence in the leadership of the college as a whole and was selected for the permanent position after a competitive national search.

Provost Allison thanked the search committee, chaired by COE Dean Deborah Bordelon, for bringing such excellent candidates to GSU. "During her interview, Dean Cada was able to articulate an expansive vision for the College of Health and Human Services," he said. "It was clear that she would achieve this vision through involvement of faculty, staff, and the communities that GSU serves. Dean Cada will be focused on growing GSU's current fully accredited health programs as well as seeking opportunities to expand new specialties and new degree programs to meet the needs of GSU's diverse region."

Dr. Cada holds degrees from Colorado State University, George Williams College, and Northern Illinois University. She is an Illinois-licensed and national board certified occupational therapist with a continuing professional practice in the field. Dr. Cada has held several leadership roles in the American Occupational Therapy Association and has performed service or professional roles with the American Medical Association, American Speech-Language-Hearing Association, National Board for Certification of Occupational Therapy, and National Down Syndrome Congress.

"She is an exceptional leader at an exceptional time in GSU's history," Provost Allison said. "Please join me in welcoming her to this new leadership opportunity."

GSU Foundation Scholarship Luncheon 2012

Nearly 100 dedicated, hardworking students were honored at Tuesday's annual GSU Foundation Scholarship Luncheon. Dr. Sandy Goldberg, of NBC Chicago, served as event emcee, complimenting the university on its students' successes, generous donors, and beautiful campus.



Scholarship recipients, Kayla Randolph-Clark, Lisa Adams, Deborah Harris, and Johnny Burns shared their stories and expressed their appreciation of the support they received.

Donors, who make scholarships possible, were also honored at Tuesday's event. Don and Wilbur Morrison, both longtime donors to Foundation scholarships, received the 2012

Distinguished Philanthropist Award in recognition of their longstanding service and generosity to GSU and its students.

"I've seen people lose their jobs and then come to GSU and learn a completely new profession," Don Morrison said. "I believe people can do anything if they try. I'm glad to have helped GSU students so that can happen."

More than 70 of the scholarship recipients are current GSU students receiving monetary

awards through one of the GSU Foundation's 58 scholarship programs.



This year, for the first time, community college students enrolled in the Dual Degree Program were recognized at the scholarship luncheon. Sixteen DDP students received GSU Promise scholarships, which provide additional funding so they can complete their bachelor's degree at the university debt-free. Seven students received Dual Degree Program Honors Scholarships.

Password Policy Update

ITS would like to remind all faculty, staff, and students that the password expiration policy that was put into place at the beginning of the year is in effect.

Passwords need to be reset every 60 days for faculty and staff, and every 120 days for students. If passwords are not reset within the proper time frame, accounts will be locked.

When accounts are locked, users may reset their passwords through the password recovery tool at <http://password.govst.edu>. Users can also call the ITS helpdesk at 708-534-4357 for assistance.

Two More Nights for Stop Kiss

Stop Kiss, by Diana Son, will be presented two more times this week – tonight, at 8 p.m., and Friday, at 7 p.m. All performances of the all-student production are taking place free of charge in Engbretson Hall.

Stop Kiss contains adult themes and explicit language, and is made possible by an Intellectual Life Committee Grant.

Live Exotic Animals at GSU



Celebrate Earth Day at GSU with two-for-one tickets to the special presentation of *Bixby's Rainforest Rescue* at the Center for Performing Arts on April 14. The free preshow begins at noon with a live animal exhibit in the Center lobby. The curtain rises on a show full of exotic animals, giant puppets, music, magic, and laughter at 1 p.m.

Don't miss this delightful family entertainment. Visit the CPA box office from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., Monday through Friday, or call 708.235.2222 to reserve your seats. Valid GSU ID required to take advantage of the discount.

GSU is hosting its Earth Day celebration on Thursday, April 19, from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Recycle Dead Batteries



Don't toss those dead batteries in the trash. Recycle them at GSU.

GSU's new battery recycling program collects small device batteries such as A, AA, AAA, C, D, cell phone batteries, watch batteries, etc. Components of recycled batteries are reclaimed and reused.

Six battery collection tubes have been placed throughout campus to make recycling easy for the GSU community.

Collection tubes can be found in Building C near DPS and HR; Building G in the vending room; Building F near the first floor elevator; Building A in the north study area; and in ITS and the FDC.

If a small device battery does not fit inside a battery collection tube, please take it to the Environmental Health and Safety Office, E-2583. This program does not include large machine and automobile batteries.

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NMSP on WTTW



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Bates adds to the feature.

[View the feature](#) and then enjoy your own tour of our nationally-renowned sculpture park. The park is free and open dawn to dusk 365 days a year.

Closing the Achievement Gap

Closing the Achievement Gap addresses an issue facing educators at all levels. GSU's Metropolitan Institute for Leadership in Education is hosting a presentation by Dr. Joseph Murphy of Vanderbilt University, which will investigate the factors contributing to the gap and strategies to close it.

The presentation is on Thursday, April 19, from 4 to 6:30 p.m., at Colin Powell Middle School, in Matteson. The fee is \$25. To register, call 708.534.4024.

Murphy's expertise is in school improvement, with special emphasis on leadership and policy. He is co-author of VAL-ED, the administrator evaluation system, and chair of the National Board for Professional Teaching Standard's steering committee.

Artwork Exhibited and Artists Celebrated

The Visual Art Gallery is pleased to present a series of exhibits by graduate and undergraduate art students at GSU. Everyone is invited to view the artwork and celebrate the artists at these free exhibits and receptions.

Beauty in Abandonment is the graduate thesis art show of Candace Schutt. Schutt's work will be exhibited through April 16. A reception in honor of her achievement will be held on Thursday, April 12, from 5:30 to 8:30 p.m.

Graduate student exhibits continue with *Gear Driven* featuring the work of Richard Cammarata. The show runs from April 18 to 23 with an artist's reception on Thursday, April 19, from 5:30 to 8:30 p.m.

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opening reception will be held on Thursday, May 3 from 4:30 to 7:30 p.m. The awards ceremony and jurors' remarks will be at 6

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Scholarship Spotlight - Sharice Coleman



Sharice Coleman of Calumet City received the Dr. Curtis & Mrs. Gina Crawford Endowed Scholarship in Business. She is a graduate student in the College of Business and Public Administration.

Upon receiving her MBA, Sharice hopes to experience personal and professional benefits such as greater opportunities, expertise, and professional and financial advancement.

Spreading the Word About Dual Degree Program (04-09-12)

GSU's innovative Dual Degree Program took center stage at last week's Higher Learning Commission (HLC) annual meeting.

President Maimon, along with Kankakee Community College President John Avendano and Prairie State College President Eric Radtke, made a

presentation on the DDP at a Presidents and Trustees session during the HLC conference in Chicago.

"President Radtke, President Avendano, and I were most gratified by the positive responses of the more than a hundred presidents and trustees in the audience," Maimon said. "Several attendees sought advice on replicating the Dual Degree Program on their campuses. At least one university president plans to visit us to learn more about this extraordinary university/community college partnership."

HLC President Sylvia Manning complimented the three DDP partners for a fine presentation, and thanked Dr. Maimon for her efforts in introducing the program to senior higher education officials.

"The attendance alone, as you noted at the end of a long day, must have told you how interested people would be in what you had to tell," Manning said. "It was an inspiring story."

"Dr. Maimon's understanding of the importance of associate degree completion by transfer students from community colleges is unique and commendable," President Radtke said. "The DDP program is an excellent model that provides strong incentives for students to persist to completion."



The Dual Degree Program was established to provide a seamless transfer between community college and university, and to bolster completion rates both at the community college and university levels. GSU and its eight community college partners are working together to ensure that students achieve their associate degree, then transfer to the university to complete their bachelor's degree. The university provides financial incentives and advising to community college students in the DDP. More than 200 community college students are currently enrolled in the DDP.

The Higher Learning Commission is an independent corporation and one of two commission members of the North Central Association of Colleges and Schools. HLC accredits degree-granting post-secondary educational institutions in the multi-state North Central region.

NMSP on Chicago Tonight



Tune into *Chicago Tonight* on WTTW-Channel 11 on Tuesday, April 10 for a story about GSU's own Nathan Manilow Sculpture Park.

The WTTW crew was on campus last week, filming the park and an interview with park director Geoff Bates. *Chicago Tonight* is on at 7 p.m. and midnight.

Spring is a great time to visit the nationally-renowned sculpture park, which is free and open dawn to dusk 365 days a year.

GSU's Marketing Efforts Honored

"Success by Degrees," GSU's new slogan, emerged victorious when awards were recently announced in the nation's largest national educational advertising competition.

GSU was a four-time winner in the 27th Annual Educational Advertising Awards, sponsored by the Higher Education Market Report. Three of the university's four awards were related to "Success by Degrees" marketing initiatives.

GSU received:

- A Gold award in the Imprinted Materials category for its Success by Degrees t-shirt.
- A Silver award in the Television Advertising category for its Success by Degrees campaign.
- A Merit award in the Newsletter category for stories on Nathan Manilow Sculpture Park.
- A Merit award in the Newspaper Advertising category for its Success by Degrees campaign.

The combined efforts of the Office of Marketing and Communication, the Graphics Department, and Digital Learning and Media Design helped GSU post such impressive results.

During this year's Educational Advertising Awards competition, more than 2,900 entries were received from more than 1,000 colleges, universities, and secondary schools from all 50 states and several foreign countries. Judges for the Educational Advertising Awards consisted of national panel of higher education marketers, advertising creative directors, marketing and advertising professionals, and the editorial board of Higher Education Marketing Report.

Gender Matters 2012

Gender Matters 2012 takes place at GSU on Friday, April 13 and Saturday, April 14. Gender Matters is an academic conference highlighting research on gender, women, and sexuality across all disciplines and historical periods.

Richard T. Rodriguez, Associate Professor of English and Latina/Latino Studies at the University of Illinois, will present the Gender Matters keynote address, *Gentrify My Love: On the Borders of Neighborly Desires*, Friday, at 1:30 p.m. in the Center for Performing Arts. It is free and open to the public.

For more information on Gender Matters, go to the [conference website](#).

Stop Kiss on Three Nights This Week

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White; film editing by Sass; and publicity and house management by Keyana Marshall.

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China Consulate Delegation Visits GSU



A delegation of the China Consulate, led by Ms. Weijia Chen, Counselor of the Education Section of China Consulate General at Chicago, recently visited campus to meet with university administrators. Discussions focused on GSU's international student exchange programs and Chinese language and culture education.

The delegation also met the GSU table tennis team and toured the Family Development Center.

Labriola Directs Rabbit Hole

Tony Labriola, professor in Digital Learning, is directing the upcoming production of *Rabbit Hole* at the Drama Group in Chicago Heights. Performances are on April 13, 14, 19, 20, and 21, at 7:30 p.m., and April 15 and 22, at 2 p.m.

Rabbit Hole won the Pulitzer Prize for Drama in 2007 and was nominated for five Tony Awards. Nominated for an Oscar last year, the play chronicles the journey of a close-knit family reinventing itself in the wake of tragedy.



In June, the Drama Group will perform the play in Hastings, England at the Stables Theatre as part of a cultural exchange program initiated in 1999 by Labriola and members of both theatres. Each theatre produces a show representative of their country and performs it in both countries.

"The project has been wildly successful, culturally enriching, personally rewarding, and just plain exciting," commented Labriola. "British audiences are very receptive to our dramas and I think they'll really love *Rabbit Hole*."

The Drama Group Studio Theatre is located at 330 W. 202nd St., Chicago Heights. For more information, visit the [Drama Group website](#).

Adventure Club at FDC

The Adventure Club is summer camp with a difference at the Family Development Center. Children ages 6 to 12 will enjoy nine weeks of fun and learning. Recreation activities include swimming, basketball, table tennis, foosball, air hockey, and lots of outdoor play. Fine arts activities involve art enrichment, creativity, field trips, and drama. Academic activities include economic education through business games

and computer instruction and activities.

Adventure Club takes place from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., with before and after club childcare services available. The cost is only \$175 per week. Adventure Club is supported in part by a grant from the Illinois Department of Human Services. Eligible grant participants receive discounts based on income. Pell grant, TANF, SSI, and low income families receive camp free of charge. Childcare fees apply.

For more information, visit www.govst.edu/children or call 708.235.7300.

Humanities and Social Science Division Chair Presentations

The university community is invited to attend the public presentations of the candidates for Humanities and Social Science Division Chair.

Dr. Weixing (Mark) Chen will present The Future of the Division of Humanities and Social Sciences: Opportunities and Challenges on April 12, from 2 to 3:14 p.m., in D-2441. View [Dr. Chen's resume](#).

Dr. Jerome Blakemore will present The role of the Division of Humanities and Social Sciences: Challenges, Opportunities, Barriers, and Vision, April 16, from 2 to 3:14 p.m., in the Hall of Honors. View [Dr. Blakemore's resume](#).

Dr. Andrae Marak will present on April 17, from 2 to 3:14 p.m., in the Hall of Honors. View [Dr. Marak's resume](#).

Home Inspection Course Deadline Nears

GSU is offering a home inspector certification course on May 11, 12, and 13, from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m.

The course provides the tools needed to successfully start a home inspection business and is open to those seeking both a part and full-time career opportunities. Studies show that full-time certified home inspectors earn approximately \$50,000 per year.

GSU's Office of Continuing Education has partnered with the American Home Inspection Training Institute (AHIT), the industry leader, to offer a comprehensive home inspection course. Students will accompany the instructor to five local homes to conduct actual hands-on inspections. The course includes training on structure, interiors, exteriors, plumbing, electrical, roofs, heating and cooling, and report writing. Students will also receive expert guidance in how to develop and market a business.

The course fee is \$1,795, which includes all materials. Registration must be completed by April 13 and is available by calling 877.838.0959. Additional information is available at www.ahit.com/affiliates/govst or by calling 708.534.4099.

A Class Gift for the Future

Members of the graduating class of 2012 can leave a legacy of their achievement and success at GSU and honor the people who helped them to achieve.

2012 graduates can donate \$20.12 to the class gift, which will help support the GSU Promise. Graduates may honor someone special who contributed to their success by making an additional \$20 gift per honoree. All graduate contributors and honorees will be included in a special tribute at Commencement.

To help graduates save the amount, free piggy banks are available in the Development Office, room D34200.

Banks filled with the \$20.12 contribution should be returned to the Development Office by April 26. Contributions are tax deductible to the full extent allowed by law.

For more information, call 708.235.2188.

Outdoor Classroom

GSU is offering weeklong environmental education opportunities, for credit and non-credit, this summer in cooperation with Sagawau Environmental Learning Center in Lemont.

Students in Terrestrial Biology will develop an understanding of the regional environments and learn teaching application through the use of terraria and aquaria. The course is from June 26 through 29, from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Participants in Biological Field Science will compare similar habitats, study variation in plant communities, and investigate the effects of pollution through field methods of environmental investigation. The course is from July 3 through 13, from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.

The third course is Forest Investigations, which includes in depth examination of local forest communities using field methods of analysis. The course is from July 23 through 27, from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.

For more information, contact [Nancy Kaczmarczyk](#) at 708.235.5983.

New Associate Provost Arrives at GSU (04-05-12)

Provost Terry Allison this week welcomed Dr. Angela J. Latham to GSU:



Governors State University is happy to welcome Dr. Angela J. Latham, Associate Provost and Associate Vice President of Academic Affairs. Dr. Latham comes to GSU from Triton College, where she was Vice President of Academic Affairs and former faculty member and Chair of the Department of Visual, Performing, and Communication Arts.

Dr. Latham holds a Ph.D. in Theatre History from the University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign. In addition to journal articles and many presentations, she has published *Posing a Threat: Flappers, Chorus Girls, and other Brazen Performers of the American 1920s*. She also has a career as author, adapter, and actor in solo work performances while directing college, community, and other theatrical productions.

As Associate Provost, Dr. Latham will work with both personnel and curricular initiatives. Dr. Peggy Woodard, retired Associate Provost and continuing Interim Dean of Students, has kindly agreed to continue at GSU through the first months of Dr. Latham's service and until GSU completes the search for our new Dean of Students.

Please join me in welcoming Angela Latham to our campus and to the faculty of GSU.

S & P Boosts GSU's Financial Outlook

GSU has received a favorable fiscal outlook from one of the nation's premier financial services companies. Standard and Poor's last month revised the outlook on GSU's A-minus to stable from negative.

According to The Bond Buyer, a national trade newspaper covering the municipal bond industry, the revised outlook, in part, was due to GSU's demonstrated ability to manage cash flow and operations and make timely debt service payments, despite chronic delays in state aid.

The review came ahead of a new bond issue to finance an on-campus student housing complex that will also include a community room, classroom, convenience store, lounges, and study rooms.

In February, GSU's Board of Trustees authorized the sale of revenue bonds to finance the 300-bed residential complex. Bonds in an aggregate original principal amount for the project are not to exceed \$21 million. The student housing complex is expected to be open by Fall, 2014, when GSU's first freshman class will arrive on campus.

"Further supporting the rating is our view of the university's growing undergraduate enrollment and its history of positive financial operations on a full-accrual basis," said analyst Jessica Lukas.

"We are all grateful to Karen Kissel, Vice President for Administration and Finance, for putting together a stellar report and presentation to Standard and Poor's" said President Maimon. "Many thanks to all for your continuing fiscal prudence. As deans and budget heads plan PBAC presentations for FY '13, it is clear that we must continue and strengthen our precautions. S & P has affirmed that we are a strong sailing craft, even though they are very familiar with the troubled waters on which we sail."

Glenn M. Mazade, Senior Vice President of RBS Citizens, specializing in commercial and not for profit banking, congratulated Dr. Maimon and Executive Vice President Gebeyehu Ejigu on the favorable fiscal outlook.

"I know you have been working hard for a number of years on improving the fiscal condition of the school, and your hard work is paying off," he said. "Improvements in the outlook by S & P don't come very easily these days."

Alcohol Information Session

Learn the facts and dispel the myths at an Alcohol Awareness information session today, from 5 to 6 p.m., in the Cafeteria Annex.

This event is free and open to everyone. It is sponsored by the Academic Resource Center in conjunction with National Alcohol Awareness Week.

Statewide Research Conference

GSU hosts the 23rd annual statewide Student Research Conference on Friday, April 6. Students from Illinois state universities will present their research in podium and poster presentations, have the opportunity to learn from each other, and share their knowledge.

Podium presentations take place in Sherman Hall from 11 a.m. to 5:50 p.m. Poster presentations are in E-Lounge from 8:40 to 10 p.m. Everyone is welcome to attend and learn about exciting student research taking place in Illinois.

SOTA Planning Future Events

GSU's Student Occupational Therapy Association (SOTA) will meet on Tuesday, April 10, at noon in Room G127.

The meeting will include a discussion of the upcoming OT Awareness Event planned for April 16, OT apparel, and summer social and fundraising activities. Pizza will be served. Undergraduates are welcome.

GSU Student Research Conference Deadline

GSU's annual Student Research Conference will be held on Thursday, April 19. The abstract submission and registration deadline is Monday, April 9. Students are encouraged to participate in this valuable opportunity to present their work before an audience. It also provides a forum to highlight research accomplishments at GSU.

More information is available at the conference [website](#).

Student Production Debuts Next Week



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Faculty Spotlight - Michel Nguessan



Dr. Michel Nguessan recently achieved his second Ph.D. from the University of Sherbrooke, in Quebec. The title of his dissertation in computer science, which he successfully defended, was *ERP Project Management in Higher Education*.

Nguessan came to GSU in 2005 and is an associate professor of library and information science. This Ph.D. is the continuation of a master's degree in software engineering that he obtained at the University of Quebec in Montreal in 2000. He obtained his first Ph.D. in French linguistics in 1995 at the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign.

Colliding Worlds Investigated

The GSU Honors Program is hosting a lecture series, *Navigating Our Colliding Worlds*.

The series begins with a presentation by author Alex Kotlowitz, *Making Sense of the Madness: Reflections from Twenty Years of Reporting on Urban Violence*, on April 11, from 5 to 7 p.m., in the Hall of Honors.

Kotlowitz is best known for his bestselling book, "There Are No Children Here: The Story of Two Boys Growing Up in the Other America," selected by the New York Public Library as one of the 150 most important books of the century. Most recently, he co-produced the film "The Interrupters," a documentary on urban violence. Kotlowitz also contributes to The New York Times Magazine, The New Yorker, and public radio's "This American Life."

The lecture series continues with *Urban School Reform: the State of the Debate*, a lecture by Dr. Charles Payne, on Wednesday, April 18, from 5 to 7 p.m., in the Hall of Honors.

The series concludes with *Riding the Cultural Revolution: Lessons From Chicago's Southland*. Anna Carvalho will discuss the unexpected observations and benefits found in embracing differences in on Wednesday, April 25, from 5 to 7 p.m., in the Hall of Honors.

The Honors Program lectures are free and open to the public.

Gender Matters Keynote Address

Richard T. Rodriguez will present the keynote address at next week's Gender Matters conference. The lecture, *Gentrify My Love: On the Borders of Neighborly Desires*, takes place Friday, April 13 at 1:30 p.m. in the Center for Performing Arts. It is free and open to the public.

According to Rodriguez, the keynote address "examines the politics of gay gentrification bound up for representations of queer Latino masculinity by closely reading Richard Glatzer and Wash Westmoreland's film *Quinceanera* (2006)."

Rodriguez is Associate Professor of English and Latina/Latino Studies at

the University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign, where he is also affiliated with the Department of Gender and Women's Studies and the Unit for Criticism and Interpretative Theory.

The keynote address is supported by GSU's Intellectual Life Committee.

Pre-K Screening and Registration

The Family Development Center is opening its doors for tours, information, and pre-enrollment screening. Parents and their three to five year old children are invited to visit the FDC on June 6, 7, 12, and 13, from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. to learn about the full and half day prekindergarten programs offered at the state-of-the-art facility at GSU.

The prekindergarten program boasts of a low student to teacher ratio and qualified educators following an enriching curriculum in a nurturing environment. Before and after school childcare is available and reduced fees are available to eligible families.

For more information and to register call 708.235.7300.

Making a Case at Advocacy Day

GSU sent the state's largest contingent of social work students to last week's Advocacy Day at the Illinois State Capitol in Springfield. Ninety-one undergraduate and graduate social work students attended the yearly event.

Advocacy Day gives social work students an opportunity to meet with state legislators and other officials, and to lobby on behalf of Illinois's most vulnerable residents. More than 20 Illinois colleges and universities took part in this year's Advocacy Day.

Dr. Geri Outlaw, Social Work Department Chair, congratulated GSU's Social Work Student Organization (SWSO), and its president, Darwin Gordon, and officers, for planning and organizing participation by BSW and MSW students. She also thanked Dr. Phyllis West, faculty liaison to SWSO; and Dr. Lorri Glass, Dr. Asabi Yakini, and Dr. Judy Berglund, who escorted GSU's students to the state capitol.

On Your Mark, Get Set

Registration is under way for the second annual Run 4 Rehab, sponsored by GSU's Physical Therapy Student Association (PTSA). The event, featuring a 5k (3.1 mile) run and two-mile walk, takes place on GSU's campus on May 5 at 8 a.m.

Proceeds will go toward the PTSA and the Miami-Marquette Challenge, a national competition that raises money for physical therapy research.

You can [register online](#) for the event.

Intercultural Communication Workshop

Psychology graduate and undergraduate students are invited to attend

Building an Inclusive Community: Leadership and Social Change, on April 20, from 9:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Participants will have the opportunity to develop intercultural communication skills, knowledge, and competence.

The workshop is free. Seating is limited. Registration is necessary. Contact [Dr. Crystal Blount](#).

Scholarship Spotlight - Kendall Coleman



Kendall Coleman of Chicago received the Donald and Helen Morrison Endowed Scholarship in Business. Kendall is a graduate student in the College of Business and Public Administration.

Kendall has a BS in electrical engineering. After he receives his MBA, Kendall plans to lead a renewable energy engineering firm.

Register for Summer Session (04-02-12)

Registration for the summer session continues through May 26. The term begins on May 21 and ends on August 5. Applications for admission are currently being accepted.

Students may take classes during the shorter summer term at convenient times to fit busy schedules. A full range of courses at both the undergraduate and graduate levels is scheduled.

GSU's summer term is ideal for students continuing a GSU degree program. It is also the perfect time for students attending other universities to take classes and fill requirements while they are home for the summer.

Registration for the Fall 2012 semester is from April 26 to August 25. Classes begin on August 20.

For more information, call 708.534.4490 or visit the GSU [registration website](#).

Buy a Good Book



Friends of the GSU Library will host a giant blowout of a book sale Thursday, April 12, from noon to 6 p.m., in the Hall of Governors. Proceeds of the sale help support the Friends' projects supporting the Library.

Thanks to a huge donation this past winter, the Friends will have a tremendous assortment of psychology, spirituality, and meditation books to offer for sale, in addition to its regular collection. The book sale will be held in the Hall of

Governors.

Members of the Friends can view the book collection and make purchases from 11 a.m. until noon.

Earth Day 2012

GSU is hosting its Earth Day celebration on Thursday, April 19, from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Earth Day at GSU offers something for everyone. The event includes music, exhibits, demonstrations, wild animal exhibits, a children's theater production, and organic food served on eco-friendly products. The event is free and open to the public.

The exhibit and demonstrations will be held on the patio and along the pathway next to GSU's lake. They include a range of Earth friendly products and processes such as composting, bee keeping, products created from recyclable materials, sustainable gardening, herbs, and organic foods. Big Run Wolf Ranch will also provide a display of wild animals, including wolves and a bear.

The Kidsworks Touring Theater will present an interactive performance celebrating conservation, from 11 a.m. to 11:45, in the Center for Performing Arts. In the Hall of Governors, an exhibit will feature student artwork made from recycled materials.

In addition, natural history tours will take participants to the university's biology field station. Tours of the Nathan Manilow Sculpture Park will also be offered.

Earth Day at GSU will also include recycling stations for batteries, pharmaceuticals, and cell phones.

GSU Earth Day events are free and open to the public. Events are sponsored by the Office of the Provost, the GSU Sustainability Committee, and the General Education Task Force. For more information, contact 708.534.4524.

Sustainability Presentation

Learn more about establishing and maintaining a sustainable future from Jack Byrne, Director of the Sustainability Integration Office, Middlebury College, on Tuesday, April 17, from 1 to 2 p.m., in Engbretson Hall, at Governors State University.

Byrne will discuss his work with a wide range of sustainability projects including green building designs, greenhouse gas reduction strategies, local foods, renewable energy, and transportation initiatives. He is the co-founder of the non-profit Foundation for Our Future at the Center for a Sustainable Future. He oversaw Education for a Sustainable Future, a six-year \$18 million U.S. Department of Education project.

This event is part of GSU's celebration of Earth Day. For more information, call 708.534.4524.

Faculty Spotlight – David Rhea

David Rhea, assistant professor of communications, is serving as an officer in the Mass Communication Division of the National Communication Association. NCA is the largest professional organization of communication



scholars with more than 8,000 members. The Mass Communication Division is NCA's fourth-largest division, serving more than 1,400 scholars around the world.

Rhea is chair-elect of the Mass Communication Division's Research Committee and will be chair of the committee next year. The Research Committee is responsible for planning the competitive paper sessions for the Mass Communication Division at the annual convention, which takes place each November.

The committee's work involves planning around 35 conference sessions, managing over 225 paper submissions, and recruiting over 165 scholars to work as paper reviewers, session chairs, and respondents. Rhea's colleagues on the Research Committee are from Texas A&M University, the University of Pittsburgh, and Louisiana State University.

Rhea is also co-author of an article, *Investigating personality and viewing motivation correlates of reality television exposure*, that recently appeared in *Communication Quarterly* (60, 80-102).

GSU Recognized for Community Service Programs

GSU was recently named to the 2012 President's Higher Education Community Service Honor Roll. The Corporation for National and Community Service recognized more than 600 colleges and universities for exemplary, innovative, and effective community service programs.

Honorees are chosen based on a series of selection factors, including scope and innovation of service projects, percentage of student participation in service activities, incentives for service, and the extent to which the school offers academic service-learning courses.

GSU was named to the President's Honor Roll for engaging students, faculty, and staff in substantial, relevant, and meaningful service to communities.

Housing for Feathered Friends

With spring officially here, birds are returning to GSU in force. Thanks to a bird nesting box program, some seasonal visitors already have residential property waiting for them.

Since 2003, GSU has hosted sites for bluebird nesting houses. With involvement from FDM and CAS, the majority of the program and work is accomplished by community member Kathy Dehn, of Crete, who monitors and records on nesting activity.

At the beginning of 2011, additional boxes were placed on campus, including several at the edge of the Nathan Manilow Sculpture Park. Almost



all of the boxes were utilized by nesting bluebirds or tree swallows. Only one box was empty for the whole season.

According to Dehn, 31 bluebirds and 40 tree swallows “fledged” – developed sufficient wing capacity to leave the nest – in 2011. Records show this was the largest population of bluebirds and tree swallows nesting and fledged at GSU in one season.

For more information on the bluebird nesting program at GSU, contact [Kevin Barto](#) in FDM or [John Yunger](#) in CAS.



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